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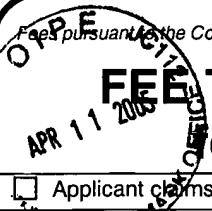
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		Application Number	10/753,223
		Filing Date	January 7, 2004
		First Named Inventor	Carl D. Schleuder et al.
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Examiner Name	Roger L. Pang
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	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity</b>	<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity</b>	
				<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
20	-20 or HP= 0	x _____	= 0	50	25
				200	100
				360	180
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>				<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
6	- 3 or HP= 3	x 200	= 600	_____	_____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

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Group Art Unit: 3681

Examiner: Roger L. Pang

Title: TRANSFER CASE WITH TUBULAR OUTPUT SHAFT

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 17 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.

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